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For: BLACK MAGNETIC ACICULAR COMPOSITE PARTICLES FOR MAGNETIC
RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING THE
SAME

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October 21, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2002 and the requirement for election of species presented in it, applicants elect claim 3 item (1) polysiloxane modified with polyether. This response is made with traverse to the extent that the claims as filed should be searched and examined over the full scope of the subject matter defined by them. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-27, 29-34 and 36 are believed to read on the elected subject matter.

An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 2, 2001.

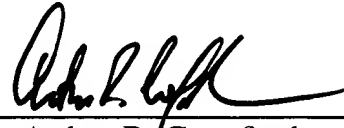
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